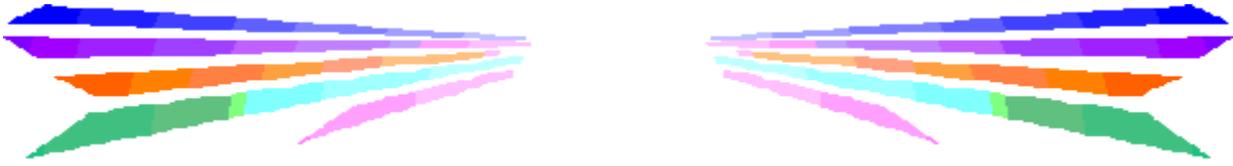


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May 2010



HELP!!!

The economy has hit the Denton Area Emmaus Community also. We are running low on funds and our liability insurance alone for this year is around \$2500. Our Community has not increased its registration fees in many years, the number of Walks the Denton Community has had over the past few years has decreased and the conference site cost, weekend supplies and operating expenses have gone up. We are carefully researching all options to help decrease our costs but we must still maintain adequate insurance to cover pilgrims and team members on the Walks. Any contribution that you are able to make will be deeply appreciated.

You may send your tax deductible donation to Denton Area Emmaus Community, PO Box 295068 , Lewisville, TX 75029-5068, or you may drop it in the collection during the upcoming Saturday Night Candlelight Services on May 15th and May 22nd.

DeColores,

Theresa Rogers
DAEC Community Lay Director

2010 Walks

May 13-16	Men #45	Lay Director-Alan Carruth
May 20-23	Women #46	Lay Director-Melva Jones
Sept. 16-19	Men #47	Lay Director-Jerry Graham
Oct. 7-10	Women #48	Lay Director- Cindie Vaughan



Join us for fellowship, music, communion and giving the greatest gift of agape love by attending the following services at

Lake Sharon Retreat Center
2650 Oakmont Dr.
Corinth, TX 76210

Men's Walk #45

Send-off: Thursday, May 13th 7:00 pm Potluck
Candlelight: Saturday May 15th 8:00 pm
Closing: Sunday May 16th 4:00pm

Woman's Walk #46

Send-off: Thursday May 20th 7:00pm Potluck
Candlelight: Saturday May 22nd 8:00pm
Closing: Sunday May 23rd 4:00pm

****If possible, please bring agape, water, drinks, and snacks for the weekend****
Also, there are still numerous slots open on the Prayer Vigil for both walks.

Gathering Schedule

June 19 – (Saturday)

Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church

6101 Morris Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028
972-539-8547
Contact: Roma Maslak

6:00 PM – Sponsorship Training/Video
6:30 PM – Potluck
7:30 PM – Worship

August 7 – (Saturday)

St. Andrew Christian Church

3945 North Josey Lane
Carrollton, TX 75007
972-492-7531
Contact: Nancy Daniel

News about the South Korea Trip



Last month ten members from the Denton, Dallas and Lake Texoma Emmaus communities received a powerful lesson in God's grace when they accepted the invitation from the South Korean brothers and sisters to come and see how the seeds of the Walk to Emmaus had blossomed. The Koreans first came to our communities in the spring of 2006 as pilgrims with the vision of taking the walk model back to their country to bring enthusiasm and new energy to their churches. They attended Denton Women's Walk #22 and Texoma Men's Walk #54. Last fall, a group of leaders returned to be observers of Denton Women's Walk #44 and Dallas Men's Walk # 221 to see if there were things that go on in the background that they might take back to their communities to benefit their walks. Before leaving, they extended a gracious invitation for our communities to come experience their hospitality and their walks.

After 29 hours of flying, lay-overs and delays in San Francisco and Tokyo, our tired bunch finally arrived in Seoul to be greeted by an exuberant group with smiling faces and hugs. We were beginning a twelve day unbelievable journey of continuous love showered upon us by these wonderful disciples. We were treated to everything from elegant banquets to hamburgers, to sightseeing from coast to coast- from mountaintops to beaches to metropolitan cities, to lessons in their history through visits to museums and folk villages, and to the continuous care and planning they put into making sure our every need was met. We visited their churches where we worshipped with them, and many of us stayed in their homes where we got to experience their daily lives. Lastly, we participated in Seoul Women's Walk #39 and East Korea Men's Walk #4. We were overwhelmed and humbled by their gifts, their hospitality and their love. They showed us "immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus". (Eph. 2:9)

Often at Emmaus we hear that by sticking to the model, we will experience the same walk whether it takes place in Texas or anywhere else in the world. This is so true. Although we did not understand the language, we knew exactly what talk was being given and even the main points being made from the talk outlines. During chapels we were able to worship along with them and powerfully experience the Holy Spirit's presence. We shared our songs, our laughter, our food, our agape, God's love and our love for these wonderful people. The women's walk had 8 tables including the "Texas Cowgirls" with 39 pilgrims. The men's walk had 19 pilgrims. The Koreans have established three communities and plan to expand with two additional communities in the south area in the near future. The seeds planted in North Texas in 2006 have germinated and grown into healthy Emmaus communities that are bearing much fruit. Praise be to God!

Upon returning home, my thoughts often turn to 2 Cor. 4:5 "Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." Although many of us are or have been leaders for the Emmaus communities, nothing we did merit the awesome trip we experienced --- like God's grace, we are not worthy, but it is God's gift. We will ever be thankful to the Koreans and hope to again use opportunities to become instruments of God's grace --to pass on His love on to others.

De Colores, Vikki Culwell

Southwest Texas Walk #265, Oct 1992, Table of Rebekah

